

HELMICK FRAME HOUSE

AL-II-A-045

Old Route 41, Flintstone
ca. 1876

The Helmick Frame House shares the same appearance as many of the older houses on its block in Flintstone. This one is slightly larger and more elaborate; however, than the Park and Roland houses, and is believed to have been built by James and Jenima Wilson as they became more successful. The fact that the house is one of a series of homes built by the wealthy and prominent Wilson family during the mid and late 19th century proves its significance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Helmick Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Murley's Branch & Old Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Cleland Helmick

Telephone #: 478-2414

STREET & NUMBER

Old Route 40, Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 413

Folio #: 215

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Helmick Frame House is located on the south side of Old Route 40 near Murley's Branch Road in Flintstone, Allegany County.

Novelty siding covers this rectangular shaped, two story, three bay wide frame structure. The southwest half of the house is adjoined by a newer two story shed roofed addition while a one story shed roof section abuts the above addition and the southeast half of the house. The original block is supported by a low stone foundation. Windows on the house are commonly double hung wooden sash frames with combinations of one over one, two over two, and six over six lights. Also found are single sash windows with both four and six lights. The main entrance faces north and has a replaced verticle paneled door with side lights. There are also entrances on the west and south sides. A tin covered gable roof sheathes the main block and features a soffit. There is a three bay front end porch supported by six Roman Doric columns and covered by a tin hipped roof. A one bay entrance porch with a hipped roof now covers the door on the southwest corner of the house. The main block has two interiorly located original corbeled brick chimneys. A new cement block chimney has been erected on the southeast corner of the house.

The Helmick Frame House stands structurally sound and is presently in very good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1876 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Helmick Frame House is believed to have been built for James and Jemima Wilson around 1876 as a larger and more fashionable home for the prosperous couple. This property again was a parcel of ground that was inherited from Francis Robosson by his daughter Jemima Robosson Wilson. James and Jemima are believed to have originally built and lived in the Bender Frame House; however, after becoming more successful and prosperous, they moved into the larger house. The significance of this structure lies in the fact that the house is one of a series of homes built by the wealthy and prominent Wilson family between the mid and late 19th century.

The house is in near original appearance and is a cultural and architectural reminder of a way of life once found in small communities in Allegany County.¹

1 From notes prepared by Mrs. Helen Hinkle, Allegany County Committee for the Maryland Historical Trust for the Flintstone Bicentennial Celebration. Interview, November 11, 1976

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .166 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-II-A-045

DATE: 9/29/76

413/215

166 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: HELMICK FRAME HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: CORNER OF MURLY'S BRANCH + OLD ROUTE 40

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: _____

NAME OF OWNER: CLELAND HELMICK 478-2414

ADDRESS: OLD Route 40^{rt. 2}, Flintstone Md. 21530

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Rear 2 Story Shed Roof Addition - cement block Foundation

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- Novelty
- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 - () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 - () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 - () LOG
 - () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTER, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North

HARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(☒) gable() FRONT END 3 BAY WIDE PORCH
Back Side Porch - 1 BAY with hip

CHIMNEYS NUMBER 3 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORNELED(☒) original(☒) replaced(☒)
(1 cement block) LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

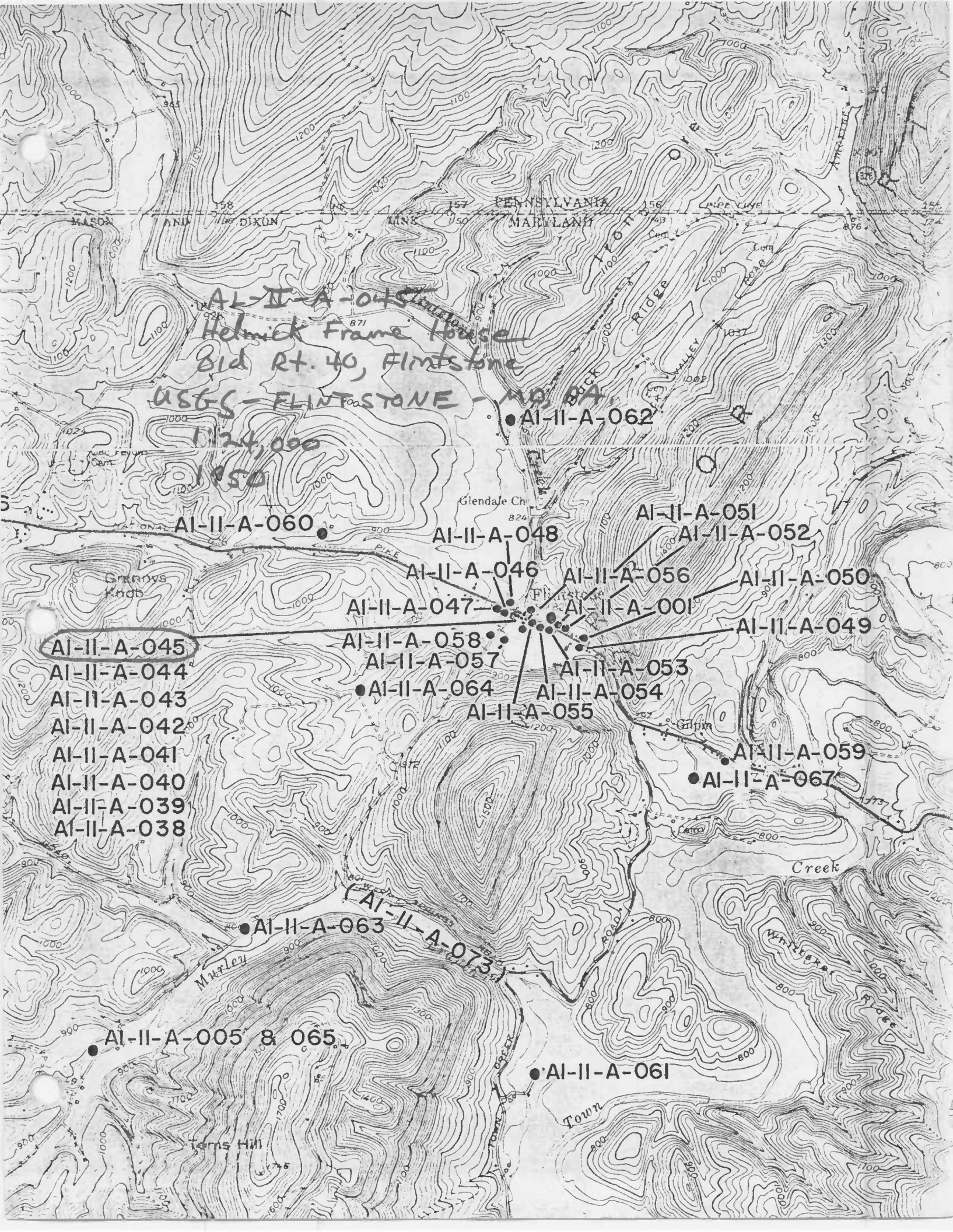
COMMENTS:

Use - Residence

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - CA 1875

Condition - Good.





HELMICK FRAME HOUSE

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Murley's Branch Road + Old Rt. 40
FLINTSTONE

John Nelson

9/29/76

Southwest



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Murley's Branch Road 201d Rt. 40
O Flintstone

John Nelson

9/29/76

Northeast